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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR FEBRUARY 5,
1976:

Q. PRESIDENT SADAT SAID THE OTHER DAY THAT HE HAD SOME
SPECIAL UNDERSTANDING WITH THE U.S. ON THE PLO. IT WAS
SORT OF A MYSTERIOUS KIND OF STATEMENT. DO YOU HAVE ANY
IDEA WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT?

A. I AM NOT AWARE OF THAT STATEMENT. OUR POSITION ON THE
PLO REMAINS AS IT HAS BEEN STATED MANY, MANY TIMES. THERE
HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO CHANGE.

Q. HOW ARE THE TALKS BETWEEN MR. RABIN AND PRESIDENT FORD
AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER?

A. THOSE TALKS WERE CONCLUDED, AS FAR AS I HAVE BEEN
INFORMED. THE PRIME MINISTER IS IN THE UNITED STATES
TRAVELING. DO WE HAVE A REPORT ON WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER
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ENDS HIS VISIT? (HE'S LEAVING NEW YORK TODAY AT 4 P.M.)

Q. HAS ANYTHING EMERGED OF A POSITIVE NOTE?

A. I HAVE CERTAINLY NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT WAS SAID
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER
LEFT WASHINGTON.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON A COLUMN IN THE TIMES
TODAY ABOUT U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE KURDS?

A. WHICH ARTICLE IS THAT?

Q. MR. SAFIRE'S.

A. I DO NOT HAVE VERY MUCH TO SAY ABOUT IT. WE LOOK
UPON THAT PIECE AS A COLLECTION OF DISTORTIONS AND
UNTRUTHS, UNSUPPORTED BY ANY DOCUMENTS OR BY THE
RECORD; AND, FRANKLY, WE FIND IT TOO CONTEMPTUOUS FOR
FURTHER COMMENT.

Q. DO YOU LIKE WHAT'S WRITTEN, OR IS THE STYLE ALL
RIGHT? HAS THE SECRETARY READ IT? IS THAT WHAT
PROMPTS YOUR SLIGHTLY HOSTILE REACTION?

A. I WAS ASKED FOR MY COMMENT AS SPOKESMAN AND I HAVE
GIVEN IT.

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